

# PORTRAIT OF THE *King*

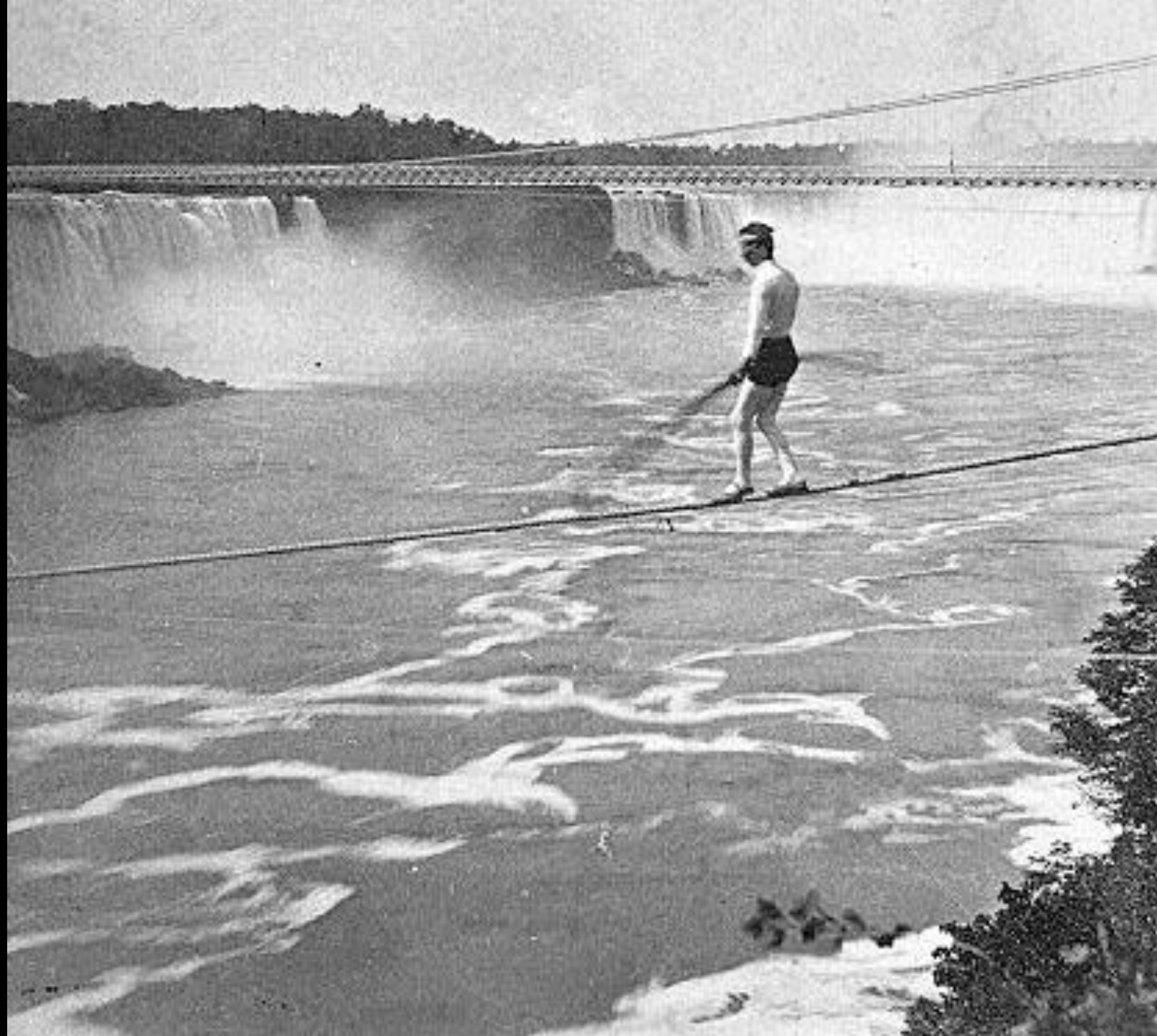
ADVERSARIES

A silhouette of a person holding a cross against a fiery, orange and yellow background. The person is positioned in the lower right quadrant, with their arms raised in a cross shape. The background is a gradient of warm colors, suggesting a sunset or a fire.

# **“How to Move a Mountain”**

**MATTHEW 17:14-20**





Faith is when you believe what God says,  
and you act upon what God says,  
no matter what you feel.



Faith is *“the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.”*

**Hebrews 11:1**



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What Does It Mean to  
Have Faith? (2 Key Points)



*“<sup>1</sup> And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. <sup>2</sup> The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; <sup>3</sup> Philip and Bartholomew;...*

**Matthew 10:1-8**



*“...Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;  
James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;  
<sup>4</sup> Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed  
him. <sup>5</sup> These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them,  
‘Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of  
the Samaritans, <sup>6</sup> but go rather to the lost sheep of the  
house of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And proclaim as you go, saying,...*

**Matthew 10:1-8**





*“...‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’  
8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers,  
cast out demons. You received without paying;  
give without pay.”*”

**Matthew 10:1-8**



- I. Recognize the opportunity for faith (vs. 14-16).
- II. Reside your faith in the Lord (vs. 17-20).

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*“<sup>16</sup> For who were those who heard and yet rebelled?  
Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?  
<sup>17</sup> And with whom was he provoked for forty years?  
Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in  
the wilderness? <sup>18</sup> And to whom did he swear that they  
would not enter his rest, but to those who were  
disobedient? <sup>19</sup> So we see that they were unable to  
enter because of unbelief.”*

**Hebrews 3:16-19**



*“The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.”*

**II Peter 3:9**



*“But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love  
and faithfulness.”*

**Psalm 86:15**



“There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign over all, does not cry: ‘Mine!’”

**Abraham Kuyper**



- When they grew scared about the circumstances of an intense storm and panicked (Matthew 8:23-27)
- When Jesus walked on the water amid a storm (Matthew 14:22-33)
- When the disciples were concerned about not having enough food to sustain them (Matthew 16:5-12)

## Little Faith of the Disciples



“Faith is the key to success in the Christian warfare. Unbelief is the sure road to defeat. Once let our faith languish and decay, and all our graces will languish with it. Courage, patience, long-suffering and hope will soon wither and dwindle away: faith is the root on which they all depend.”

**J.C. Ryle, *Expository Thoughts  
on Matthew***





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2. When your mind is given opportunity to think, do you default to the material or spiritual?
3. When you are faced with an impossible outcome, do you default to defeat or hope?

## 3 Questions to Discern Big Faith vs. Little Faith



“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which is humanly possible. Faith begins where man’s power ends.”

**George Müller**

